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War Tax Changes

about \$1,850,000,000

of new taxation. So did the Ways and proper that the next generation should pay its fair share for the achievement of clever bargain for themselves. It is that is a fragment of the passage dealing with moment to do a thing.

to be expected to raise more than \$1,200,-600,000 annually. If it is necessary, after we get adjusted to the war and see better what it means our people will be ready to make larger sacrifices. But excessive taxation at the start unnecessarily deranges over and over again in the past! business and chills ardor. It also defeats ficulty encountered in floating the Liberty Washington about the necessity of increas-

billions to two billions and a quarter. This better understanding of the situation will make for a far more satisfactory tax law-one which will not demoralize business and will not check the free use of the government's borrowing power.

The Senate committee has already aban-October, 1917, a third of the duties which a connection between their opposition and the nation has not witnessed since the war they paid on goods brought into this coun- the urging of the statute's suspension.

fied the excess profits tax section of the product inferior in quality and smaller in jealous political prejudice, an attitude toward men of affairs which is disheartening equally on corporations and affect war adult labor. Peace time investigations and disrupting. profits more exclusively. This is a sub- have indicated this with sufficient clear- When the explosion comes the country will stantial improvement. Another great im- ness. It should not be left to the stress of be told that all criticism of the Cabinet is To the Editor of The Tribune. provement could be made by modifying the wartime to prove it by a serious impair- aimed at the President and emanates either 10 per cent horizontal increase in tariff ment of industry. duties and the 10 per cent flat duty im- That is only one phase of the matter. posed on articles now on the free list. It Humanitarian considerations are equally to reap a rich harvest in war profits from of his administration he has acted and is preposterous to put tariff duties on ar- important. If America is to make steady the government. Every device known to the spoken like an honorable gentleman. Withticles of food (luxuries like tea and coffe, and consistent progress, the young of the demagogue will be employed to hoodwink the out partisan or sectarian bias, I consider he of course, excepted) when the country is land must have better preparation for life people in the effort to protect the group of being frightens by predictions of famine and Congress is being asked to create a and rounded lives than their parents end dictatorship in order to regulate food dictatorship food dictatorship in order to regulate food joyed. They cannot have such prepara-enable the Administration to jail leaders of production and consumption. It is the tion, such opportunities, if they are taken the press and the public who dare to tell the fested in all his speeches and acts. Would same with raw materials imported for use out of school and put into factories, their people the truth about the government; but that there were more men like him. in manufacturing war supplies. A tax on minds stunted by lack of education and war is a time when patriotic service is limthem, coming into the Treasury, would their bodies dwarfed and injured by work ited neither to arming nor farming. merely have to be paid out again in the too hard for them. higher cost of the supplies when they are There is no need for the suspension of it will be for the country. The fathers and

New Bork Tribune single flat rate, belong in a postal admin- adults' jobs and to plunge men and women istration bill rather than in a tax bill, into a state of industrial fatigue and ill That is a merely technical objection. The health and disease. The proposal to wipe establishment of a zone system and zone out any law safeguarding labor is one charges for second class matter is a postal which can benefit only the producer—the reform long needed. It should have been exploiter who puts the condition of his accomplished in peace times. But war purse before the condition of his country economics certainly justify the stoppage at or its people. In its inevitable effect on once of the leak in postal revenues caused industrial preparedness it comes perilously by gross undercharges on second class near to treason; for assuredly the slack-

Here is an opportunity to check waste would aid the enemy. and secure an intelligent readjustment of \$ 50 postal rates. There is no good reason why second class postal matter should not pay its own way. At a time when all business interests are being taxed so heavily the an unjustified subsidy to the shippers of second class mail matter.

The Bottom Reason

the first and last and best reason of all Its name is aristocracy. money.

the loan is a fine thing. It is urgently tinguished British philologist held that we New York, May 24, 1917. the House of Representatives passed have needed not so much as a matter of perpublicly admitted that their work was suasion as of education. We are not tability which is inseparable from practicrude and hasty. They had no clean-cut familiar with government loans in Amer-cal usefulness." programme. They started out with the ica. We are, as a country, ignorant of the idea of raising about \$1,600,000,000. But whole business of investing. It is one of This is one of the points Professor Utter reflects so clearly my own feelings as to the when Secretary McAdoo made the belated the excellent by-products of the present plays with, but it can hardly be said that when Secretary Steriors made the cetated and, I am sure, the convictions of so many suggestion that \$2,200,000,000 should be loan that it will teach us not only how to he reaches a useful conclusion. He runs thousands beside myself that I cannot reraised the House managers clapped on save, but (which is quite as important) lightly over much old ground, and cannot frain from a word of approval. The letters new taxation carrying the total up to how to invest. We are learning what government the temptation that so many of Mr. Langdon, of a Democrat and of R. ernment credit is, on what it is based, why Mr. McAdoo vastly overrated the need a government bond is the safest form of American slang in the English literature throw too large a share of the cost of the the joke writers and will become a na-

to Americans is not that they will make a slang? If the quotation from Shakespeare basis for note circulation made it tempt- was likely to be defaulted—that instead of have given his readers the reference and gain time. ingly easy for the Treasury to borrow 31/2 per cent interest, likely to become 41/2 let them judge for themselves. money. It is wise to impose now greater per cent interest, there was no interest in sacrifices in the way of taxation than were sight whatever. Suppose that the credit, tain slang phrases and terms are in any the very existence, of the country was so case somewhat arbitrary. He puts "chestwhole investment was in doubt. Let us obsoletes, or at least obsolescents, and assume that while our faith in our counfacts, the military and economic probabilities, were all against us. Would we for schedules can be revised upward. When our skins and our property and letting our hundred years ago. If "artificially the next four years. country be destroyed? Not unless Americans have become a very different breed from what they have shown themselves

As a matter of cold fact our America is the ends which the government has in threatened. No man can state its peril in view. The public will not absorb bond accurate terms. But the danger is real issues readily if it feels that it is being and visible, and growing. The nation overtaxed. Undoubtedly most of the dif- needs the help of every one of her citizens. Loan has been due to tactless talk at cannot are asked to do their utmost behind the lines. In that utmost, as a small ing taxation at one stroke by from two beginning, comes financial help in the form tion of the balance which ought to be main- asked. And thus asked we shall give. We tained between taxation and bond issues shall give because we are anxious and Is it not rather true that we hear less of prolonging the war. for the country we dearly love.

Keep the Child Labor Law!

Southern Senators to suspend during the word, they have their pet abbreviation, sires. doned the most vicious single feature of war the Federal child labor law which is "flu." Upon the whole, it cannot be said active tax levied on incomes for the calen- counsel of patriotism, any more than the our knowledge of how the upstarts gain a dar year 1916. It is a dangerous abuse bill passed by this state's Legislature per- footing in the language. of the taxing power to collect retroactive mitting the suspension of all the labor duties or excises-taxes on income which law's safeguards was a counsel of patriothas been spent or on goods which have ism. Southern mill interests were the been sold and consumed. It would be just chief and most bitter opponents of the child Washington will be the scene within a few as equitable to ask importers to pay in labor measure. It is not hard to imagine fortnights of an explosion the like of which McCarthy in this morning's Tribune to em-

try in 1916, or to collect from tobacco | Precisely the same arguments against public delusion that ours is to be a placid manufacturers next fall one-third of the employment of the child in factory work participation in the great conflict, "a little sums which they paid last year as internal obtain in wartime as in periods of peace. revenue taxes on cigars and cigarettes, as Primarily and fundamentally the use of places have creeted against the efforts of the last of revenue taxes on cigars and cigarettes, as it would be to demand from income tax child labor is uneconomic; it is wasteful; places have erected against the efforts of the places have erected against the efforts of the labor is uneconomic; it is wasteful; places have erected against the efforts of the labor of the Union was being a traitor, and to love the Stars and Stripes regarded as to help the nation get ready for war—busiwere assessed on their incomes last year. paid for the labor be small. For that rea-This principle, once applied, has no limi- son child labor should be avoided when a only to find that the work of the Advisory Loudon County, Va., the section where they ideals and methods which they hold in comtations. It would permit Congress to du- nation is at war and most needs to avoid Council of Nations is viewed with petty susplicate taxes paid in the last ten years or waste and to conserve its working power. picion by members of the Cabinet, who are in the last twenty years. Taxation under Children are unable to do adults' work in afraid of being overslaughed or of having it would become a fantastic form of factories, in workshops, in quarries, mines their infirmities become public property. It and mills. The establishment which de- will disclose a condition of defencelessness The Senate committee has also modified the excess profits tax section of the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in include the product inferior in quality and smaller in include the product inferior in quality and smaller in include the product inferior in quality and smaller in include the product inferior in quality and smaller in include the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in including the product inferior in quality and smaller in the product in the

produced or purchased by the government. the child labor law, or for the breaking mothers who are giving their sons to the To the Editor of The Tribune. One change which the Finance Commitdown of any other laws, state or Feddown o One change which the Finance Committee has in view is, in our judgment, inaderal, safeguarding labor. Industry can be visible. That is the excision of the House speeded up without the exploitation of children and of women, without the abolishment of the day of rest and the eight-hour finance Committee holds that the House speeded up without the abolishment of the day of rest and the eight-hour finance Committee holds that the House of the national colors for he use of the national colors on advertising matter. Don't you think the war, even the proposal for the use of the national colors on advertising matter. Don't you think the speeded up without the abolishment of America must be mobilized and used before we can win the war, even though more than one medicerity who is toincreases in postal charges, involving also day. The surest way to smash industrial day blocking progress loses his job.

a substitution of zone rates for the present efficiency is to put children to work at A Long, Desperate Struggle ening of production which would result

"Our Upstart Speech"

Professor Robert Utter goes to great government should not hesitate to cut off "Harper's Magazine." He speaks of slang France and England to rescue Belgium and little self across the Channel to the discom-So many excellent reasons for investing ever. We may have them when we are our money in the Liberty Loan have been willing to pay the price, but the price is stated that there seems a real danger that one which Americans are unwilling to pay.

questionable critics, yet it may interest The economic campaign in support of Professor Utter to learn that a most dis-

What is the test of practical usefulness? professors succumb to of discovering of bond buying and holding. Cutting "uses 'come off' and 'go sit down.' Shakecoupons will cease to be a mere phrase of speare has 'not in it.' Sheridan has 'cut it out.' The list might be prolonged."

At this rate it might indeed be pro-

His guesses at the permanency of cerspeaks of them as the boyhood slang of discarded? Or "sheeny"? At any rate, carry him along with them charged," as he maintains, the treatment was sufficient to keep it sweet for a full century, and what right have we to presume that any of our really modern slang will survive longer? For the rest, there and "cheese it" are of American origin.

and remarks that only "mob" (for mobile "hipps" is gone out because it "might making No more reactionary proposal could be that title cannot be curtailed, but in Eng-

An Explosion Coming

From The Boston Transcript

with Spain. It will blow the lid off the

from the ranks of the opposition party or

The sooner the explosion comes the better

What American Imaginations Must Realize in the War

To the Editor of The Tribune

Sir: In referring to our taking part in the war, you say to-day in your excellent little as if it were a form of ornament peculiar reestablish that little country as well as it fiture of the divine dispositions of the Kaiser, ing it, for Tommy is the most improvident to democracies. "Order and uniformity in can be reestablished. It hardly requires imagination to comprehend these points, and are they not the real reasons why we are at war with Germany?

What we need to further understand to the for at least six months, for the ablest, fiercest, most resourceful and no reinforcements to send. we make will be overshadowed. That reason is sim- The implication is that those who are from being defeated, and we shall have to use ply and flatly that our country needs our sticklers for "the King's English" are every ounce of American grit to beat Germany to her knees. It will be a long, hard, GHERARDI DAVIS. desperate struggle, but we are

Forcing Mr. Wilson to Act

To the Editor of The Tribune,

lem then is, is it not, how can the great body of the people, who want something ne, and at once, force him into action?

master of the art of waiting until the last their country is in danger, that all the his country's relation to the rest of the derful speech, and he doubtless feels that uon. Secretary chases mappy mean is duly enrolled. At sergeant or foreman, as he was usually considered that his "come off" did not mean (as we with a maximum of expression and a minimum of expressi

by your correspondents, is such an over-

Let Us State Our Terms

To the Editor of The Tribune. Congress two great changes of fundamental importance have occurred. Russia has practi-The clipping of words attributed by Ad- Austrian front hold confabs with the Ausdison to the humor of speaking no more trian soldiers. Leading Russian generals have resigned, and millions of soldiers are battalion was particularly difficult to index, ble personal sacrifice, to redeem us from the more concerned to claim their share in the and the task of sorting out the innumerable avils of unpreparedness. Those who can are to fight. Those who than we need is probably an incurable more concerned to claim their share in the eighteenth century examples from Swift, pose their powerful and determined enemy. of this loan. It is a loan of fresh savings, and remarks that only mob that sproking more and more insistent in Austria, of money assembled through a new self-denial and a natriotic economy, that is stand for any one of a hundred words"? avoided at all costs, since it would result in

Under the circumstances does it not seem than the Ways and Means Committee had. cager to do our best, whatever it may be, "hipps" to-day because hypochondria (unshort cuts enough to describe ailments still peace terms it will accept. There is a great in vogue. The pandemic "grip" under danger of our being forced to accept the terms laid down by some allied power instead of definitely insisting on such a reput forward than that fathered by certain land, where influenza is the commoner arrangement of the map as this country de-

the House measure. That was the retroto take effect on September 1. It is not a
that Professor Utter has added much to
active tax levied on incomes for the calento take effect on September 1. It is not a
that Professor Utter has added much to
liberties, and for what? L. S. FREELAND.
who wished simply to use Italy as a cat'sliberties, and for what? East Orange, N. J., May 23, 1917

The Loyal German of '61

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I was pleased with the fairness of the advice given by United States Marshal ployers, warning them that they were not serving the best interests of the country in dismissing enemy aliens.

Some way I cannot believe that all Germans who are not naturalized are enemies, to love the Stars and Stripes regarded as body of German people residing in I was a member of "The Society of Friends"

and their opposition to slavery and devotion to the Union cause were never doubted, but ng lovalty in those dark days of trial, of the ELIZA DUTTON HUTCHINSON.

Hempstead, N. Y., May 23, 1917.

More Like Him Needed

from bankers and business men who want Mayor Mitchel. During the whole course

and ideals of what is just and right are mani-HENRY PENNINGTON.

Stamford, Conn., May 24, 1917.

Boycott Them

Sir: I believe boycotting is the proper reproval for the use of the national colors n advertising matter. Don't you think the names of individuals, firms or corporations

New York, May 24, 1917.

How England Did the Job

By Ian Hay (Captain Beith)

Author of "The First Hundred Thousand" and "Getting Together"

civilians, who were travelling on the high the benevolent intentions of our neighbors comfort. So much for the voluntary system seas, as they had a right to travel murder- for granted, we had yielded to the assur- and the shunning of "militarism. ing is the correct word to use, really. We ances of those politicians who held that the are joining with England to save France from best way to keep out of war is to remain unutter ruin-France a country to whom we owe prepared for war. The result was that when to undergo their training. the only debt we ever owed any country, for the little British regular army the so-called it went alone-nerved to the grimmer deter- creature in the world. greatest rearguard action in history, and they fought it, week after week, without once breaking their formation or losing their But-they fought it alone. Their own country could not help them.

The Rush to Enlist

However, to be just, the moment the clear call came there was rever any difficulty In fact, it was hardly safe for an officer to or fruit and become injurious, as they he Administration and its conduct of the war listed in swarms. The difficulty was, on the and, I am sure, the convictions of so many spur of the moment, to organize machinery should uplift his voice in the rear rank and that would handle them feed them, house refute his doctrines. them, equip them and get them into fighting trim. Men stood in the street for days, in a Has it not by this time been conclusively long and most pathetic queue, waiting to ena government bond is the safest form of American slang in the English literature investment, as well as the whole routine of other centuries. "Chaucer," he says, has been pushed into a position where he their jobs in order to do so they were almust act or submit to something which he dislikes even more than action? The probmost starving before they were taken in. wards explained that he was by profession a These proceeded to It was an army of all the talents-except ugnt it. I als war is a war for the safeguarding of democracy and the assurance

dental benefit to ourselves, is only a byguarding of democracy and the assurance

dental benefit to ourselves, is only a bywords "cut it out," but is there anything and by whom he feels he is in no danger of guarding of democracy and the assurance guarding of democracy and the assurance guarding of democracy and the assurance and the fact that the humblest recruit in the context to indicate that he was using being pressed to act. Furthermore, he is a possesses a personality and a stomach of his get it. When a man joins the British army when matters had he first of all fills up and signs what is called lations were regarded either as antiquated an attestation paper and takes the oath. He relics of the age of space, or else as a form these purposes.

We made the mistake in the Civil War of overissuing bonds and slighting taxa
The defful speech, and he doubtless feels that the of overissuing bonds and slighting taxa
The officer was respected to the defful speech, and he doubtless feels that the officer was respected to the officer was respected to the opening has a repactous things their country stands for thin has gained him a respite, and that the people will be content to trust him upon the officer was respected to the opening has a repactous things their country stands for the new of industrial tyranny.

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The officer was respected to the opening has a repactous things their country stands for the new of overssuing bonds and slighting taxa-tion. Secretary Chase's happy idea of giv-

ing government bonds an artificial value so depressed that the payment of interest should say) come on? He might at least by allowing the banks to use them as a was likely to be defaulted—that instead of have given his readers the reference and Now what we want, as so clearly is shown prisingly cheerful individuals were apt to absence of three days, prepared to forget and arrive at regimental headquarters and an- forgive upon a monetary basis-say the loss whelming demand for action on the part of nounce, usually in chorus, to the overdriven of three days' pay-he found himself under the people that he will not dare to disregard officers in charge that they had "come for arrest as a deserter. it, but will be forced, against his will, to tae jine the airmy." They were asked for imposed during the Civil war. But a rational mean should be established between gravely menaced that the safety of the
nut," "sheeny" and "cheese it" among the place about him at the heads of departments their attestation papers. These were not always forthcoming. Sometimes they had always forthcoming. Sometimes they had been treated like the now historic "scrap of rifle and bayonet and of being dispatched speaks of them as the boyhood stang of his O. K. on every question which arises, but more often the society which at once to the front—wherever and whatever men now in middle age. Is he right in assuming "chestnut" to be a chestnut already will move with such irresistible force as to had enrolled the man had held his paper that might be to kill Germans. back with a view to mailing it forward in a blame them for feeling a little disappointed Can he be forced to do this, and how? If bunch with others at some more convenient on finding that the path of glory was ap-600,000 annually. If it is necessary, after six months or a year, to increase the proany such reason hesitate? Would we hold six months or a year, to increase the proany such reason hesitate? Would we hold save the Allies, for they will have season. The trouble was that until these six months or a year, to increase the proon to our money in the vain hope of saving portion of taxes to borrowings, the tax
our skips and our property and letting our to not our money in the vain hope of saving and "cheese it" was in use more than a no substantial help from this country during papers were forthcoming the men could not restrictions on the subject of obedience and be regarded as soldiers and no public money sobriety. They had to acquire the instincts could be expended upon them. They might of a soldier after they had settled down to housed. This threw a heavy private burden upon the officers, whose slender resources at the opening assault of the great and things difficult. Yet, less than a year later, at the opening assault of the great and vere strained to the uttermost to provide for bloody battle of Loos, those same men went this officially non-existent multitude. However, ultimately the papers arrived and all steadily as the most seasoned veterans. cally ceased fighting. Her soldiers on the concerned embarked upon the task of finding an owner for each paper. Owing to the old and new. And it is that spirit which has paucity of Scottish tribal names, a Scottish saved us as a nation, and done most, at terri-

When, in August, 1914, the war burst upon Campbells and Camerons and Wilsons and he maintains that cats are more helpful of miles away." Suppose, to various reasons Europe it found Great Britain just about as Thomsons not to mention the riotous hordes given, we added these: We are at war with junprenared for war as a country could well of "Macs" was a soul-destroying business. Day after day, night after night, the sifting

In due course the new battalions Practically clothes they stood up in. a greatcoat. If he promptly sold it to save the trouble of carry-

There were miners by We had all types. the hundred-the finest soldiers in the world for trench fighting, because they handle pick and shovel by instinct, and they appear to stroy tremendous quantities of destruction fullest extent is, that we are at war with and most convincing reason that there were prefer residence below ground to residence sects. surface shipbuilders, farmers, least scrupulous enemy this or any other was probably the best equipped, the best led carpenters, shepherds and members of other country ever encountered. Germany is far and the finest body of troops ever put into and rarer trades. One platoon, for instance, the field by Great Britain. They fought the contained a waiter from a restaurant, who was accustomed to parade every morning in that feed on injurious insects might the ranks, bright and early, in all the glories of evening dress. The outstanding feature of "K1," as we called ourselves, was its abil- spent in the study of insects, tell us ity to produce on demand an expert to cope with any possible emergency. If an escal If an escape literal, not figurative-a plumber was instantly forthcoming to cope with the matter. pose to his platoon as an expert upon any subject at all for fear some lifelong expert And it may be added that in "Kt" no considerations of military ctiquette ever prevented him from doing so! I still cherish the recollection of a certain junior officer who devoted twenty minutes to the insects that are really injurious are pr explaining the points of the compass and the tected by irritating hairs or poisonous er elements of map-reading to a man who after-or live underground," and that "birds wards explained that he was by profession a few exceptions never touch them." I h

Such was the material we had to handle.

ing the first months of the war will ever for-Men wandered about in droves, dressed like nothing on earth. a man felt disinclined to go upon parade he In the fall of 1914, at any hour of a given simply did not go; and he felt both surprised months long, hedged about with unexpected They had to acquire the instincts

Such was the spirit of the British armies,

The New Entente

To the Editor of The Tribune.

and could not possibly enter into a Drei- Charles Francis Adams.

lived being known as the "German Settle- mon, and in accordance with their mutual the office of the provost marshal at Norfolk parallel and never seriously or permanent- upon he asked the captain and

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I have been greatly pleased to read the articles in The Tribune in reference to Mayor Mitchel. During the whole course Mayor Mitchel. During the whole course taken its place alongside of the great were filled and \$20,000 divided.

Our school histories ought to be rewritten without delay. They are full of nonsense. The trivial matter of Paul Revere's ride has the governed.

ples to which she belongs. RICHARD D. HARLAN. Washington, D. C., May 23, 1917,

Alliance Based on the Declaration The "Ugly Side of Volunteering" and

False History

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The three leading democracies of the Sir: For one I am very glad that you world-the British Empire, the French Re- printed the "Ugly Side of Volunteering" der that title) is less popular? We find by what this country is fighting for, and what public and the United States-do not need from an oration at Lincoln, Mass., made by

> bund of the Teutonic "scrap-of-paper" type, I went with the 7th New York on April 19, such as the Tripartite Alliance that was 1861, for the defence of Washington, while that vast number of men and women nor secretly made in 1883 by the Hohenzollern the 75,000 volunteers for three months were engaged in the making of these highly de and Hapsburg dynasties and a crafty and ambitious politician such as Crispi became and the streets and the windows were packed skirts"? It is an army that embraces

under the hypnotic influence of Bismatcs, who wished simply to use Italy as a cat's-paw for the Prussian "Mitteleuropa" scheme. Fortunately for Italy's reputation There was very little interest in their defor faith-keeping, the Dreibund was not an parture. On my return I joined the threeoffensive-and-defensive alliance; it only year volunteers. Regiments were marching bound each of the three contracting nations down Broadway on their way to the Jersey to come to the help of the two others in City ferry in column of fours, close to the case they were attacked. As the present world-devastating war was begun by Austria brutally taking the offensive in her riot in New York City and several negroes wanton attack upon little Serbia, Italy were hanged, as the mob associated could honorably denounce Crispi's secret with the whole trouble. In 1864 volunteers and substitutes got

But, whatever may have been Italy's obli- \$1,000 bounty. Of course, this was a great gations and rights in the old Dreibund, what incentive to desertion. Some men deserted gations and rights in the old Dreibund, what the British Empire and France and the bounty each time. Massachusetts had more United States want—and what will doubtless difficulty than any other state in filling her To the Editor of The Tribune. be evolved along the lines of the political quota. The assistant surgeon of a Massainterests, which will always be substantially one day. He saw negroes enlisting, wherely antagonistic-is not a formal, hard-and- who got credit for these enlistments. fast offiance, but an unwritten understanding or "gentlemen's agreement"; in other words, a new entente cordiale that will be all the stronger and all the more permanent

I will get a leave for ten days and fill them

because it is free and elastic.

Massachusetts need men to fill their quota.

I will get a leave for ten days and fill them

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and deepened the feeling among our citizens become history. It was not written with that America, in entering this war, is only any such intent. Longfellow simply wrote fulfilling its destiny and its world-wide mis- some verses for a Harvard banquet in 1863. sion as a protagonist of the fundamental and, in looking for a subject, fell upon the principle of that Declaration of Indepen. incident of two messengers, William Dawes dence which is to America what the Magna and Paul Revere, carrying the message that derives its just powers from the consent of went to Lincoln, ten or twelve miles; Will-Since President Wilson's immortal message of April 2, and the action taken by Congress in declaring war between the Imperial German government and the United States, every American that is true to type must feel that his beloved country, in thus taking her place, at last, alongside of the British

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There were 400,000 enlistments during the Empire and France in the terrible struggle they are making not only for their own ex- had more than 5,000 under arms. This was in selling price of all commodities. stence, but for our safety and for our prin- the result of Congress having no power; the upon labor values is added to selling price using the said colors for pecuniary purposes ciples, is in the goodly company of free peo- states furnished troops or withheld them;

the same was true of supplies. Mount Kisco, N. Y., May 24, 1917.

'The Good Birds Do

Keep Down the Multitude of Income Most of Which Are Harmful

To the Editor of The Tribune,

Sir: I have read the article by Archib C. Weeks in your issue of May 19, in sition to the policy of licensing cats, ir mankind than birds. He states that it is "mooted question whether birds do good than injury. If he has followed the work of the bis

ical survey of the United States Depart than injurious. These investigations food of birds are by far the most painets and thorough of any ever undertaken in history of the world, and their results show be accepted as authoritative. They establithe utility of most of the common America birds of the farm, which are shown to

It is a matter of common knowledge t Mr. Weeks's assertion that by far the his statement were true, the beneficial destructive species far outnumber the insects which are useful so long numbers are kept in control, but when the in some cases. Birds are useful not keeping injurious insects in check, but some of these so-called benefit nects in check which would otherwise b Mr. Weeks repeats an old error in a sta

ment to the effect that "in many instanshown the error of this statement in my port on useful birds and their protection, which a long list of common birds is that feed on just such insects as he speaks o

If the majority of insects were benefit it would be unnecessary for the United State government and the states to expend mill of dollars in establishing and maintain entomological departments and experis men at work to suppress outbreaks of in the farmers in the country to expend m of dollars in insecticides and labor for the struction of insects to protect their crops. In the controversy in regard to the cat

cense, many articles containing false at misleading statements have been publi on both sides of the question, but I he never seen one containing so much misinfo mation as this article from the pen of ! Weeks. E. H. FORBUSH,

Boston, Mass., May 21, 1917,

"Insignia of Idleness"

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: When I read in yesterday's Tribune the letter headed "Insignia of Idle sighed for the thousandth time since this wild wave of dress economy and dress reform has broken over the continent. The write it seems, advocates dressing all women in overalls both during and after the war. Skirts, corsets and high heels rob women o their efficiency and are the insignis of idle ness among womankind, she maintains.

Now, surely the writer was sware "high heels" represent only one phase of fashionable woman's wardrobe. also the sensible low heeled walking ar sports shoes, the adequate riding boots, the Greek-inspired sandal for the beach and bath and fitness for the job or game of the me ment. In corsets, costumes and all the litt accessories of the toilette this sense of fit ting the occasion is prominent now as never was before. If a woman be not eff ciently clad for her job it is entirely because of her obtuseness or obstinacy. are full of these occasion clothes, and it is no fault nor are they robbed of their effi-

But granted that women could be legislated into overalls, what about the "idle army" that would be surely created from too, the weavers, the artists . dyers now engaged in evolving such The makers of fine housefurnishings rugs, curtains, etc., would also suffer, fo an overall wardrobe would want little more

than a tent to live in, or at most a house bare of fripperies as her own person. But why worry? Just "because woman i type of dress will never be adopted by an importantly large portion of the feminine contingent. The female of the species is the individualist; she is going, always, to look ELINOR ENGLISH.

New York, May 22, 1917.

No Time or Money to Waste

Sir: I am heartily in accord with your editorial of May 23, "Abandon the State Census." We have neither time nor money waste on duplication of work, which is really all that this state census will mean at the Sheffield, Great wants it taken; thus we will have more money and more time to devote to the really pres with a number of people since reading you editorial, and they all agree that it would be for the best interests of the country to re-lease us from all this heavy work and units

with the whole country in using that tim and money for the best interests of the Federal government.

A. WILLIAMS. New York, May 24, 1917.

Tax Unused Lands

best article bearing on the food iam Dawes went to Concord, seventeen miles. question that has so far appeared in any

the commodity, whereas a tax upon last values is not and can not be added to sellis price.

MISS EDITH TOOL.

New York, May 24, 1917.